THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF^EALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) National Commission on Macro Economics and Health has submitted its draft report for the consideration of Co-Chairpersons of **the** Commission, namely Union Finance Minister and Union Health and Family Welfare Minister. The report is still to be finalized.

**Registration of private hospitals and diagnostic centres**

2113. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the private hospitals and diagnostic centres in the country to register with the designated authorities with a view to ensuring uniformity in healthcare services; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the State Governments to make regulations for the registration of the private hospitals and diagnostic centres located in their jurisdiction.

**Central Drug Authority**

2114. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: WilI the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to set up an independent Central Drug Authority has again been mooted:

(b) if so, what will be the terms of references of the Authority; and

(c) who will head the said Authority, a technocrat or bureaucrat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) A Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Secretary and DG, CSIR, New Delhi for a comprehensive examination of drugs regulatory issues. The Committee has recommended the